SATURDAY EVENING.

TWO CENTS.

UNDER THE WIRE

Hanna Now Seems Likely to Lead in the Race.

Coming Down the Home Stretch Ahead of the Field.

DESERTING MR. KURTZ

Five Members of the Combine Are Reported

To Have Declared For Hanna in Speeches Last Night.

Columbus, O., Jan. 8.—Hanna is gaining on the home stretch. At the caucuses one week ago, he was beaten and he has been beaten ever since. But there are reliable reports today indicating that he has the necessary 73 Votes.

The Hanna headquarters are jubilant and the opposition seems less con-The opposition has depended upon the following ten Republicans voting with the 65 Democratic members of the legislature: Representative Mason and Bramley of Cuyahoga, Jones of Stark, Griffith of Union, Otis of Hamilton, Scott of Fulton, Redkey o Highland, Rutan of Carroll, Manuel of Montgomery and Senator Burke of Cleveland.

This would make the joint ballot stand 75 to 70 against Hanna. At a public meeting in Dayton last night a public meeting in Dayton last night at which resolutions were adopted condemning Gov. Bushell and the bolting Republican members and demanding that Charles L. Kurtz resign as the Ohio member of the national Republican committee, Representative Manuel made a speech pledging himself unequivocally for Hanna, Representatives Griffith of Union and Jones of Stark are reported to have done the same thing at their homes. And there are like reports from Rutan of Carroli and Redkey of Highland. The Hanna men go so far as to claim today that it is 75 to 70 the other way and in their favor for next week.

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There are apparently 72 members now pledged to Hanna publicly, but that is one short and the opposition concede no less except that of Manuel. While Representative Griffith is home with his constituents, Mrs. Griffith is here at the Great Southern hotel, where the anti-Hanna men have their headquarters and she is still with the opposition.

The anti-Hanna men admit that after securing control of both branches of the legislature, they made a great mistake in adjourning from Wednesday to Monday and having the members go home till inauguration day. The Republican members who are co-operating with the Democrats against Hanna were thus confronted with indignation meetings at their homes, which are tion meetings at their homes, which are likely to turn the tide in favor of Sen-

likely to turn the tide in favor of Senator Hanna.

The opposition made repeated and most persistent efforts last night to get Senator Foraker to come here, and that has been regarded as an indication that he was needed. But the senior senator from Ohio left Cincionati last night for Washington without stopping at Columbus. It is reported that certain parties met the senator on the way, or before his departure, but nothing definite is known as to that matter. All efforts to get either Foraker or John R. McLean here have failed, and withat they are credited with being the two great factors in "the combine."

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The Republican factional fighting in
Ohio began in 1880 when ex-Secretary
of the Treasury Charles Foster was
governor and was blamed by the Sherman people with dividing the Ohio delegation and causing Garfield to be nominated in place of Sherman.

At the St. Louis convention last June
the old factional feeling was controlled
by Hanna, who sacrificed everything
for McKiniey's nomination.

Forsker presented McKinley's name,
was chairman of the Ohio delegation.

was chairman of the Ohlo delegation, of the committee on resolutions, etc., and Charles L. Kurtz was then made the chairman of the national Republic

the chairman of the national Republican committee.

The Republican indignation meetings throughout the state are adopting resolutions denouncing Gov. Bushnell and the Republican dissenters in the legislature, and demanding that Kurtz resign from the national committee.

At the general mass meeting to be held here Monday afternoon, as soon as the imagural exercises are over, the most radical speeches and resolutions are expected "on the pending Republican revolution in this state."

The state Democratic banquet here tonight, in celebration of Jackson's day, is also likely to bring some interesting developments.

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Mrs. Griffith, the wife of the representative from Union county went home this afternoon to join her husband at Marysville. Mr. Griffith announced to a meeting of his constituents last night and again today that he did not want to vote for Hanna, but if it was their wish he would do so. There is no lack of effort in Union county on the part of the people to express their wishes to their representative and he is being transferred from the list of the opposition to that of Hanna.

The Hanna list stood 74 to 71 against The Hanna list stood of to 71 against the senator yesterday but with the changes of Manuel of Montgomery and Griffith of Union, the Hanna men claim that they have the necessary 73 votes to 72 for the opposition, if the election should take place today. The Hanna men claim that the turn is in their fames that may be an any other changes that may be vot on any other changes that may be vor on any other changes that may oc-cur previous to the balloting next Tues-day. The anti-Hanna managers are making charges today of bribery.

FORSAKE BUSHNELL

State Colored Troops Refuse to Act as

an Inaugural Escort.

Columbus, Jan. 8.—The Kurtz people have bestirred themselves to bring a big crowd of Governor Bushnell's friends here, to attend his inauguration. It is stated that for this purpose railread tickets were sent to certain localities where the governor's friends were thought to be numerous, for free distribution, for the purpose of bringing as many as possible to the city. The calling of the mass convention will now also bring a large crowd of Hanna supporters to Columbus. Agents of the Kurtz people were today endeavoring to place pletures of the governor in the windows of business houses on all the principal streets. They met with considerable opposition and but a few pictures appear. Preparations are being pushed for the inauguration by the loan Inaugural Escort

cal committee despite the opposition. The inaugural parade will be made up chiefly of military, as nearly all of the political clubs that had decided to participate have rescinded their action.

Some weeks ago the Ninth battalion of colored troops tendered its service as escort to Governor Bushnell, and the governor accepted the tender in recognition of the loyalty shown by the colored people of the state at the election in the face of the fight made against him on account of the Urbana lynching. Today Major Charles Fillmore, commanding the Ninth battalion sent to the governor a letter declining to act as a personal escort. In the letter Major

personal escort. In the letter Major lilmore says: "Some weeks ago I voluntarily ten-

"Some weeks ago I voluntarily tendered you the services of my command
as an escort on the day of your inauguration, but since then exigencies
have arisen over which I have no control. Word reaches me from various
parts of the state that if my command
in particular appears in the inaugural
parade, it will be received with jeers,
hisses and laughter. I have labored too
hard to bring my command up to the and to bring my command up to the igh plane of efficiency and discipline to low it to be humiliated in such a manner. I regret very much that such is the state of affairs but should the ser-vices of my command be required to defend the honor of the state or protecthe lives of her citizens, you will not find us faltering I most respectfully de-cline the honor of escort."

BLOWN SKYWARD.

Boiler on a Boat Near Pittsburg Explodes and Kills Whole Crew.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 8.-The tow boat ercy Kelsy blew up on the Ohio near Henfield, Pa., this morning and was ompletely wrecked. It is reported that several of the crew were killed.

The steamer left here this morning or Cincinnati with a tow of seven

for Cincinnati with a tow of seven barges and two flats of coal, and reached Glenfield at 11 o'clock.

A few minutes later the explosion occurred. There were a crew of nine men and a numb. It is believed that Capt. Leslie Jones, who was in command, and all who were on board, were killed. The crew consisted of a captain, two pilots, two ensineers, two mates, a chambermaid, a gineers, two mates, a chambermaid, a cook and a number of deck hands.

The boat was owned by W. H. Browns Sons of this city, and was valued at \$25,000. The names of the crew have not yet been learned.

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LATER PARTICULARS.
Pittsburg, Jen. 8.—The tow boat, Percy Kelsey, owned by W. H. Brown & Son of this city, blew up while going down the Ohlo river near Glenfield, Pa, about 11 o'clock this morning and six or eight of her crew were killed and at least four of the others are injured. The boat was commanded by Captain Leslie Jones of Shousetown, Pa, and the crew was made of two pilots, two engineers, two mates two firemen, a chambermaid cook and the dock hands, in all about 12 persons. The elsey left Pittsburg about 8 o'clock this morning with a tow consisting of seven barges

in all about 12 persons. The elsey left Pittsburg about 8 c'clock that morning with a tow consisting of seven barges and two floats of coal and everything was apparently all right till the explosion took place, when the boat was literally blown to pieces and the tow scattered and lost.

The hull sank almost immediately and the shattered portions of the upper works floated down the river and covered the water in the vicinity of the wreck. The explosion was most terrific and was heard for miles. Hundreds of persons ran to the river upon hearing the noise and an awful sight met their gaze. Bodies were floating down the river and the debris was scattered far and wide but no live person was seen. A few minutes later Capt. Jones and three others were picked up alive, but hadly injured and one body floated ashore near Neville island. The injured were removed to Captain Crew's residence on Neville Island, where everything bossible was done to alleviate their sufferings. It is believed that the rest of the crew were killed and parties are now searching for their bodies.

The list of the dead and injured, as far as known at 1:30 p. m., was:

Killed:

MILTON WOODS, pilot, Allegheny

MILTON WOODS, pilot, Allegheny, a., aged 70. THOMAS FLYNN, second engineer JOSEPH LALLEY, second engineer. LEE WEBSTER, fireman, LEE BECHTOLD, fireman, and an-

her fireman are still missing. Leslie Jones, captain; badly burned nd hurt about the body; condition ser-

Percy F. Woods, apprentice pilot; will David Walker, one of the crew, ser-

Adolph Wandell, steward, serious. It is not known at present what caused the explosion. The boat's boilers were recently tested and found to be in rood condition and the boat was condered one of the best and strongest to the river. It was valued at \$25,000.

A dispatch bust received from Claraon the river. It was valued at \$25,000.

A dispatch just received from Glenfield says: When the boat blew up. Pilot Woods was asleep in the pilot house only a few feet from Capt. Jones. Others of the crew were also asleep. The pilot was thrown high in the air and fell right where a few minutes before the pilot house was. He was dead when found and a pitiable sight was his son only a few feet away injured very badly. He was pleading to help his father. Capt. Leslie Jones was injured by a bad cut in the head and his back badly sprained. The body of the fireman was blown ashore right near where the accident occurred. Only three of the crew escaped injury.

FROM THE INSURGENT CAMP Dr. Castillo Who Has Just Returned Says the Cuban Army is in

Good Condition. New York, Jan. 8 .- Dr. Joaquin Castillo, me of the leaders of the Cuban junta here, and who is said to have been connected with several fillbustering expediions, returned here today on the Ward ine steamer Niagara, after a successful ncursion into Cuba. Dr. Castillo refused o say on what ship he reached Cuba but said he landed nine miles east of Manti bay on November 17 last.

"In our party," said Dr. Castillo, "was Justo Garcia, a son of General Garcia, who had escaped from the Spanish penal colony at Ceuta, off Africa. After we had anded we were joined by Colonel Garcia. idest son of the general, who had with

him 800 insurgents. "The insurgents are well fed, well armed and supplied with plenty of ammunition. The troops are disciplined and con-

fident of success." tures appear. Preparations are being pushed for the inauguration by the lo- of Colonel Ruiz was perfectly justifiable. Dr. Castillo maintained that the killing

Box Reported Opened at Chariton, Ia., Containing Parts

Of a Human Body Cut Up Into Bits.

LIGHT ON MYSTERY

May Be Cast by a Letter Received at St. Louis,

In Which the Writer Foreshadows His Own Murder.

Des Moines, Jan. 7.-Representatives of the Adams Express company opened an ill-smelling box at Chariton and found the remains of a human being cut into bits.

The box had stood several days in the express office. Detectives were at once put to work.

St. Louis, Jan. 8.—Postmaster Carlisle has received a letter written on a letterhead of Paul Klumb, cigar dealer, at 117 Walnut street, Des Moines, Ia., which may explain the mystery at Chariton, Ia., of the mutilated corpse found in a box there yesterday. The letter follows:

letter follows:

"Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 6, 1898.—Dear Mother: I am in Des Moines, and they tried to kill me last night by taking me out on the train. I heard them talking about killing me and putting me in a trunk. I don't ever expect to see you alive again, and good bye dear mother. One of the men is a railroad man that Ed used to brake with.

"Finder please send this letter to West Brownsville, Pa."

The direction for the delivery of the

West Brownsville, Pa."

The direction for the delivery of the letter was in ink and on the back, also in ink, was the inscription: "Mrs. S. E. Stone, in care of Mrs. N. J. Smalley, West Brownsville, Fa."

The letter was enclosed in an envelope, directed to the postmaster at St. Louis, all in the same handwriting. It will be forwarded to West Brownsville, Pa,

rille, Pa,

The reply to the telegram sent the Adams Express company's agent at Chariton, Ia., reads:

"No such body received here. Have had inquiries from all over the United States this morning. My belief is that there has been a mistake in the name. there has been a mistake in the name

A telegram sent to Brownsville, Pa., brought out the information that both Mrs. S. E. Stone and Mrs. Smalley lived there. The former, hewever, was out of the city and would not return until

MAJOR HANDY DEAD.

Was U. S. Commissioner to Paris Exposition in 1900.

Hotel Bon Air, Augusta, Ga., Jan. 8. Major Moses P. Handy died at noon today The remains will be taken to Berlin, Md. for burial.

Major Handy has been an invalid fo the past two months. He was taken Il



MAJOR MOSES P. HANDIS.

at Paris, whither he had gorse as th to the French exposition of 1900. Her reovered sufficiently to make the jour ney to America, and came at once to Au

He was the chief of the department of publicity at the World's fair and a we known newspaper man. He was latel; onnected with the Chicago Times-Herald and was formerly a managing editor in

A. B. HULIT'S SCHEME. Takes a Party of Indians Into Mexico

to See the Country. The following notice of the expedition headed by A. B. Hulit, appeared in the El Paso Herald:
Capitain Davis left at Sierra Blanca

his morning, ten representatives of the Chickasaw and Choctaws who are to cettle in Old Mexico just across the line from Sierra Blanca. The Indians are accompanied by A. E. Hullt, Elmer Todd, and Dr. B. L. Todd of Kam as City, and the party will be in this city tomorrow morning to look the town ver and see the growing metropolis

southwest, se Choctaws and Chickasaws : tre negotiating for several million access in Old Mexico, and options have been secured. Dr. Todd says: "We made to proposition to some of the Chocta war and Cherokees, and the matter is 2 to and Cherokees, and the matter is et in abeyanes. So we are taking de legates to Mexico at our own exper se that they may have every opportunity to inspect the lands which front on the Rio Grande for nearly 180 miles. The Indians may buy the land in question for colonization, or they may take in as an investment. The Chickasaws and the Choctaws are the two richest true as in the territory, and are able to do, as they please in this matter. If they like the land, they will buy it; if they do not take kindly to the proposition, they will it.

PERSONALLY CONDUCTED. Deputy Sheriff Sheehan Takes Charge of an Excursion to Lansing.

Shawnee county's quarterly contribution to the state penitentiary was taken to Lansing this afternoon in charge of Deputy Sheriff Larry Sheeban. The sheriff is allowed one guard for every prisoner and there is always a scramble to go. Those who accompa-nied the party as guards were John Ritchie, Justin Council and Patrick

There are no desperate prisoners or long termers" among the prisoners. Two will serve five years and two

hree years.

three years.

In the party is George Worth, an old gray haired man. He is nearly 70 and it is doubtful if he will ever complete his five year sentence. He was convicted of a statutory offense and was given the minimum sentence. His victim was a girl but 12 years old, the daughter of Engineer Holloway of the Santa Fe.

The other five year prisoner is Anthony Hamilton. He is the only negro in the party and this is his second term. He served a three year sentence on the charge of burglary and had only been out of the penitentiary four months when he stole a watch from Mrs. S. H. Price. He pleaded guilty to grand larceny and Judge Hazen gave him the extreme sentence.

R. B. Romaine, a young man who

R. B. Romaine, a young man who wanted to be a "tough" stole some clothing from a room near the county jail and was sentenced to two years. He is a cook and worked in a restau-

rant.

Jerome Coulter stole a cow and sold the animal. He pleaded guilty and received a sentence of three years.

Len Henderson was a section hand at Rossville. He burglarized a joint at that place while intoxicated and received the minimum sentence, one

Calvin Hayes was convicted and received a three year sentence but he did not go with the party. His case has been taken to the supreme court.

FIEND AT ST. JOE.

A Man Seen to Put a Child Under the Ice.

St. Joseph, Jan. 8.-Early this morning an unknown man broke a hole in the ice on the Missouri river and shoved a male child into the opening. The act was witnessed by a man who, after telling a boy to notify the police of the affair, followed the murderer across the river to the Kansas side.

Neither the pursuer nor the murdere have been found, but have been tracked to a point several miles north of the city. The hole was found where the child wa forced into the water, together with the pole with which the ice had been broken but until the man on the track of the flend returns nothing further can be as-

"BROWNIES" WALK.

City Railway Assistant Supt. Not Aware of the Habits of Brownies.

Assistant Superintendent Charles Hixor f the city rallway, was on hand to meet he Santa Fe train No. 5 that arrived at 11:45 this morning with the two special cars of "The Brownies" company. The bills say that there are "60-Brownles-60", and Mr. Hixon knew that the one regular car that met the train would not be able to accommodate the extra crowd, so he took down a special train of two cars. making three in all. "The Brownies" arrived all safely enough and on time, but they were tired of riding, and instead of getting aboard they walked up Fifth "80 Brownies, Count Them, 60" all walking up Fifth street. Mr. Hixon returned to the barn with the two extra

empty cars. He had failed to notice in all pictures and descriptions of Brownies that they are always on foot-and entirely too act ive and frisky to be cooped up in trolley

TROUTMAN ISN'T SCARED. He Doesn't Believe There is Any De Boissiere Girl.

Troutman & Stone, who are trying t Troutman & Stone, who are trying to have the De Boissiere deed to the Odd. Pellows for the estate in Franklin county set aside, say that they are not at all alarmed at the report that an heir has been found.

Mr. Troutman said, in discussing the report.

report:
"This is a matter that was thorough-This is a matter that was thorough ly investigated before I went to France. We have no fears that there is any oth-er heir to the estate except the sister of De Boissiere, who lives at Bordeaux. "There have been all kinds of reports and all of them have been investigated by us. I believe that we will win the case when it comes up for trial in Ot-tawa this month."

TOPEKA MEN FOR KLONDIKE A New Mining Company Formed Which Will Send Prospectors to Alaska.

A new Klondike mining company has een organized by Topeka men. The offil ers are as follows: President, W. H. Da vis; vice president, W. F. Schoch; sec-red try, F. M. Newland; treasurer, Andrew The officers with A. W. Newland constitute the board of directors.

The company has a capital of \$8,500. Of this a mount seventy shares of stock at \$50 each will be issued to E. A. Chance, A. W. Newland and Frank Sawyer, who will be sent by the company to Klondike, ar riving there June 1 and at once beginning the work of prospecting. The remainder of the cap, tal will be advanced in east by those who remain at home to keep up the work of prospecting for two years. Others interested in the scheme are J. W. Kassebaum, A. Knudeson and N. W. Confer, all of Topaka.

The charter for the company was filed today by W. F. Schoch.

It is easy to carch a cold and just as easy to get rid or it if you commence early to use One Maute Cough Cure. It cures coughs, colds, bronchitis, pneu-monia and all throat and lung troubles It is pleasant to take, safe to use and sure to cure. G. W. Stansfield, 682 Kansas avenue.

Mineral Water. The finest in the west. Come and try J. W. PHILLIPS, 612 W. Eighth St.

IT IS-MILD.

Nature Favors the Klondike Pilgrims This Year.

The Winter Being an Unusually Open One.

Upon the Trails and River Route to Dawson.

Chicago Argonaut Freezes Both Feet and They Are Off.

Seattle, Wn., Jan. 8 .- T. B. Corey of Seattle, one of the men who arrived Another Outbreak of Hostilihere from Klondike on the steamer City of Seattle, said:

My party counted 25 boats and their passengers tied up on Lake Le Barge and twice as many on Lake Tagish. In places along the river they counted 20

Mr. Corey speaks highly of the humane acts of mounted police located en route, who make room in their camps for men to sleep, feed them and sell necessary provisions at actival

On Lake Bennett the party met 14 sleds, drawn by horses, carrying 1,500 villages have been sacked. The whole their intention, if possible, to get as are leaving. far as the foot of Lake Le Barge, and from there to send the supplies along the dog trains. Later it was reported that ten horses, with their loads, had been lost through the ice at Cariboo crossing. Mr. Corey said there was a shortage of food, but expressed no fear of starvation, many having gone to Fort Yukon. Corey says rich quartz rock has been discovered on Deadwood creek, which is estimated to run as high as \$50,000 to \$75,000 to the ton. high as \$50,000 to \$75,000 to the ton.

J. B. and J. F. Craeber, formerly of
Shamokin, Pa., report that on October
6 a party of seven people left the head
of Lake Le Barge, since when, nothing
has been heard of them.

Two boats marked Whiteman and
Parker, containing 500 pounds of provisions, were found drifting down the

Napoleon Dupres and a party of six Frenchmen are reported to have brought upwards of \$40,000 in dust with them. They also have a draft for \$100,-000, the proceeds of a sale of some min-

ing property.

The present trip of the City of Seattle is one of the quickest ever made

The present trip of the City of Seattle is one of the quickest ever made on the Skaguay, the run occupying just ten days for the round trip.

Juneau, Alaska, Jan. 3.—Via Seattle, Wn., Jan. 8.—Twenty men have arrived here from Dawson. Some of them have been in the interior of Alaska for ten years. They unhestatingly state that there is no danger of starvation and no necessity for a government relief expedition. They say that Thirty Mile river, between Lake Le Barge and the Hootalingua, is open water, and they were compelled to take to the side hills. Most of those who arrived tonight intend going back as soon as possible with supplies for the coming year, The trail is reported to be in very fine condition. For two weeks the weather has been very mild,

Ed Lard, the man who was recently arrested at Dawson for stealing \$22,000 worth of gold dust from a saloon in which he was barkeeper, has been released. It is stated that the reason of Lard's discharge was that the police had no food for prisoners.

Mator Perry of the mounted police,

had no food for prisoners.

Major Perry of the mounted police, is inquiring very closely into the action of the Canadian customs officials, with a view to determining what amount of provisions an American miner should be allowed to take in duty

Skaguay, Alaska, Jan. 2, via Seattle Wash., Jan. 8,—Capt, Wood in com-mand of the detachment of the North-

Wash., Jan. 8.—Capt. Wood in command of the detachment of the Northwest mounted police, in the district which extends from the White Pass summit to Lake Tagish, warns all persons en route to the Klondike that they will not be permitted to pass Tagish house unless each person has at least 600 pounds of provisions.

Mr. Byrne of Chicago, lies in a cabin on the Lewes river, with both feet amputated. Byrne and his uncle, James E. McGuire also of Chicago, were making their way up the river from Dawson and December 6, Byrne, who is only 18 years old, had both feet frozen. The men continued their journey for five days. The boy suffered horribly, and the flesh began to drop from the frozen feet. Still they forged ahead with the bones protruding from Byrne's feet, until Lewes river was reached and the boy placed in a cabin where he could receive some care. It was found necessary to amputate both feet near the knee. A doctor who happened to be in the Lewes river camp, performed the operation. McGuire, the uncle of Byrne, reached Skaguay in a dying condition, having been seized with quick consumption on the way up. He will probably live long enough to reach his home in Chicago. seized with quick consumption on the way up. He will probably live long enough to reach his home in Chicago. A man named Shroeder died twelve days ago at camp near the mouth of the Hootalingua river. Shroeder was from the Black Hills.

Scarcely a day passes that does not witness several cases of lot jumping in Staguny.

witness several cases of lot jumping in Skaguay.

Rullding operations are being pushed night and day. Some of the buildings are to be used as hotels and lodging houses, more are dance halls, variety theaters and saloons. Each incoming steamer brings hundreds of people.

Besides the City of Seattle, which arrived inday, the Elder came in from Portland with 300 passengers. It is almost impossible for people to secure hotel or lodging house accummodations. The restaurants, saloons and gambling houses are thronged day and night, while general business is good. Tents are being put up wherever an available site can be found, generally in the street. W. B. Sampson, the first postmaster of Skaguay, took charge of his master of Skaguay, took charge of his

The first public school will open to-

WOMEN WHO WRITE

ing at Washington.

Washington, Jan. 8.—The Woman's National Press association have arrangements completed for the congress of press women, to be held in Washington City, February 18 and 19. Cn the evening of the 17th there will be a reception to the delegates at Willard's from 7 to 10 p. m. All women's press clubs are invited to send representatives and all press women not connected with clubs are invited to be present. Each club is requested to name a ed with clubs are invited to be present. Each club is requested to name as speaker and send her name and the subject of her paper to the corresponding secretary, Mrs. Mary M. North, Anacosta, D. C.

Delegates can get reduced rates on railroads by purchasing tickets for the national suffrage convention, which will be held at the same time.

BLACK WAR.

ties in South Africa

Between Rebel and Friendly Tribes of Africans,

London, Jan. 3.—A special dispatch carriages and spent more money than from Capetown says Lerethodi, the any woman in the city. Her wealth London, Jan. 8 .- A special dispatch paramount chief of Basutoland, has attacked Maougha with 15,000 men. Numbers are reported to have been killed and wounded on both sides. Several to 2,000 pounds to the sled. It was country is in a ferment and all traders

FLYING SQUADRON

Of British Ships to Be Formed For Chinese Waters.

London, Jan. 8 .- A rumor is in circulation, emanating from the dock yards at Portsmouth, that a flying squadron of British ships will be formed for service in Chinese waters.

Pekin, Jan. 8.-The Chinese universally resent the government's concessions to

Toulon, Jan. 8.—The French second class ruiser Pascal, of about 4,000 tons, sailed from here today to reinforce the French fleet in Chinese waters.

London, Jan. 8.—An investigation of the report received from Portsmouth, that a flying squadron of British war ships was about to be formed for ser-vice in Chinese waters, shows it to be unfounded.

BIDS FOR GRAZING LAND.

f which are fenced and some ope About one-fifth of the acreage has never been leased before, while the lands in the Klowa, Comanche and Apache reservations have been leased usually for yearly periods. The awards will be made by th Indian agent at Anadarko, O. T.

BRUSH'S HOUSE AFIRE.

Baseball Magnate's Fine Mansion Near Indianapolis

Indianapolis, Jan. 8.-The beautiful coun ry home of John T. Brush, the base ball mugnate, east of the city, is reported on

in Flames.

fire and in danger of complete destruction. LATER-"Lombardy," the home of Mr. John T. Brush, the baseball magnate, three miles east of this city, or Mashington street, was gutted by fire this morning. The house was of unique architecture, built of stone and cost about \$35,000. The loss is estimated at \$20,000. The furniture and bric-a-brac \$20,000. The furniture and bric-a-bra were removed without damage.

BOOK TRUST AT WORK

Trying to Force Out Companies in Texas That Have Obeyed Laws.

Austin, Jan. 8.—Superintendent Car-liste of the educational department is having trouble with school text book companies who falled to get recognition before the school text book board. It has been reported to him that cer-It has been reported to min that cer-tain text book publishers whose bids were not accepted by the board on ac-count of high prices, are preparing to push their books into public schools through private contracts with trus-tees; the prices at which their books are to be introduced not to be consid-

It is their object to get the parents to resist the new book law. All school teachers in Texas have been warned.

ON ACCOUNT OF FITZ. The Charter of Marion Lodge of Elks

Has Been Restored.

Marion, Ind., Jan. 8.—The charter of Marion Lodge of Elks was restored to-It was revoked because Bob Fitzsimmons was taken into membership two or three months ago.

The first public school will open tomorrow in the new church building.

The first marriage to take place was celebrated Saturday night, the groom being Patrick Boynes and the bride Miss Jennie Mack.

Vancouver Barracks. Wash., Jan. 8.—Capt. D. L. Brainard has today awarded to C. H. Frye of Seattle, the contract for furnishing 75,000 pounds of bacon at \$7.95 per 100 pounds, for the Yukon relief expedition. The total cost of the 10,000 rations purchased asgregates about \$18,000.

Police Judge Atchison today found John Krauss guilty of fast driving. Katie Emmett, who comes to the Crawford theater in this city next Thursday evening in "The Walfs of New York," is celebrating the two the district court and said: "I have driven faster than that lots of times and was never arrested. I don't think this is right." Judge Atchison replied: "You admit yourself that you were going at a speed of from ten to twelve miles an hour. The limit is six miles an hour in the city limits." Police Judge Atchison today found John Krauss guilty of fast driving Krauss was arrested by Patrolman Rucker for speeding his horse along Kansas avenue. Krauss appealed to the district court and said: "I have

WOMEN WHO WRITE THE LAST OF MRS. AYER.

Body Which the Richest Woman in Paris

Loved to Paint, Dizen and Adorn, is Committed to

A SEPULCHRE TODAY

Funeral of the Wife of Ayer, Patent Medicine Maker.

Church in Paris. Paris, Jan. 8.—The funeral ceremony of Mrs. Josephine Southwick Ayer, took place today at the American

Takes Place at the American

church. She was the richest woman in Parls, had the costliest diamonds, the largest number of gowns, the finest horses and was estimated at \$10,000,000; her income at \$2,000,000, and she sport every dollar of it. Although she was a liberal contributor to charities and assisted

lar of it. Although she was a liberal contributor to charities and assisted many poor American young men and women who appealed to her for ald, most of her expenditures were for the gratification of her love of display. She purchased one of the largest and most magnificent private palace in Paris, located in the aristocratic Saint Germain quarter, and furnished it at a fabulous expense, and about ten years ago, soon after she took possession, gave a series of entertainments that astonished the most extravagant princes of Europe.

Of late years she has been in the habit of giving her entertainments classwhere for a peculiar reason. It is said that she never appeared in public twice in the same gown; that she purchased from 206 to 300 costly dresses every year, and that she never gave one away, but when it was once worf it was placed upon a wire dummy and set up in one of the rooms of her house, where she could look at it and enjoy its beauties herself. Her collection of gowns increased so rapidly that it filled her great house from cellar to garret. All her pariors, drawing rooms, bed rooms and diring rooms were filled with lay figures clad in beautiful ball dresses, many of which cost if, 100 each. They were even stored in the kitchen. They were even stored in the kitchen. They were even stored in the kitchen. They mere and her servants, a small reception room and a breakfast upon in which she took all her meals. At the time of her death this collection must have represented several thousand dresses.

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Government Invites Them for Indian Lands in Oklahoma.

Washington, Jan. 8.—The secretary of the interior has issued advertisements inviting bids for the leasing of the grazing lands on the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache Indian reservations in Oklahoma for three years from April I next. also for lands on the Wichita reservation in Oklahoma for one year from April 1. These lands are said to be the most valuable for grazing purposes in the United States and amount to about 2,500,000 acres, some of which are fenced and some open.

Mrs, Ayer was the best known women in Paris. She was as familiar to the public as as peculiar as her eccentricities. In her desperate fight against death and uge she employed a small army of attendants. She had a skillful physician employed, whom she is said to have paid 25,000 francs a year for his exclusive every morning and evening, and gave her remedies for the slightest symptoms of an aliment that he could perceive.

She had a masseur from Sweden, said to be the most skillful in Europe, who rubbed her twice a day; she had a maid who did nothing but paint her face and her eyebrows. Like the wife of Nero, she bathed in milk, and there was not a trick known to the art of beauty that she did not practice in order to give her a youthful appearance. Although she was over 70, at a distance she looked like a woman of 35, but when one observed her closely, her face was so completely made up that she seemed to wear a mask.

Mrs. Ayer was a genuine Yankee She was born and bred in Lowell, Mass, and married Dr. Ayer while he was a drug clerk in that city. She came of a good family, and at one time was a school teacher. Dr. Ayer's first medicine was a cough remedy, which proved so profitable that he abandoned the general drug business and went to com-She had a masseur from Sweden, sald

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Mrs. Ayer went to Paris because she could not secure the social position she sought in this country. She tried Bos-ton, New York and Washington, and built a beautiful palace at Newport, but 18 or 20 years ago she gave up the fight and moved her household goods to Paris, where her wealth and her dia-monds and her dresses gave her all the distinction she desired. She leaves three children, two sons and a widowed daughter, who live in Fifty-seventh street in New York city.

BREAD ON THE WATER Cast by Senator Milton Brown is

About to Return. Major Henry Inman, whose book, "The Santa Fe Trait," has been received with popular favor, is not the only man who will make money out of the ven-

Several years ago ex-State Senator Milton Brown of Garden City advanced Major Inman considerable money, and in return was assigned one-fourth of the profits in the book. It has been estimated that Major Inman's share will be in the neighborhood of \$25,000, and in that event Brown will receive a nice sifee to repay him for the money advanced.

The Tax Payers' league will make an effort to reorganiza. For several months the organization has been in a failing condition and there his not been a meeting since last summer. President M. Snattinger has lagued a call for a meeting at Dr. Hamilton's office next Monday evening to reorganize. The league intends to discuss plans to help the city council enforce the new city water rate ordinance at this meeting.